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Response to Rule 312 Communication	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –			
1. The amendment filed on 26 June 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:			
a)			
b) Mentered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.			
c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.			
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1)			
and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.			
d) 🔲 disapproved. See explanation below.			
e)    entered in part. See explanation below.			
It is noted for the record that applicant is right in his comments concerning the Examiners Reasons for Allowance. The Reasons for Allowance should have stated that the shaft, not the sleeve, is attached to a base member. And applicant's comments concerning the title also apply to his Reasons for Allowance. The Reasons of Allowance should not have said "Laser welding" in the next to last line thereof, but rather should have referred to welding by a directive energy beam. The Examiner regrets these errors.			

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